

**MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING
FOR THE CORRECTIONS OFFICER RETIREMENT PLAN LOCAL BOARD
FOR THE SUPERIOR COURT**

A Public Meeting of the Corrections Officer Retirement Plan Local Board for the Superior Court was convened, Wednesday, May 20, 2009, at 10:00 a.m., in Conference Room 228, Arizona Supreme Court Building, 1501 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona.

Present at the meeting were the following individuals:

Board member Paul Cunningham attended a portion of the meeting via conference call in accordance with Open Meeting Law 7.10.2 - Telephone Conferences.

Jim Bruner, Chair	Paul Cunningham, Board Member
Phil Hanley, Board Member	Michael Anthony, Attorney
Kevin Kluge, Board Member	Lu McLendon, Secretary
Jason Hathcock, Board Member	Leticia Chavez, Recorder

Guests:

Nikki O'Keefe	Zach Dalpra
Mike Goss	Mary Walensa

Call to Order

Local Board Chair, Jim Bruner, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, May 20, 2009 at the Arizona Supreme Court Building, 1501 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona. Board Member Paul Cunningham present via conference call.

Approval of Minutes

- a. March 11, 2009 Public Meeting Minutes (AV Tranz)
- b. March 11, 2009 Public Meeting Summary

The Chair called for any corrections or additions to the minutes. There were no corrections to the contents of the minutes.

MOTION: A motion for approval of the March 11, 2009 Public Meeting Minutes and Public Meeting Summary was made by K. Kluge. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously minutes stand approved. **CORP 2009-69**

Approval of Normal Retirements – The Local Board may consider and vote on the approval of benefits for Normal Retirement benefits for the following applications in public meeting or defer decision to a later date.

- a. Gordon Blake (April)
- b. Jerry Padilla (April)
- c. Mary Frost (May)

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MOTION: A motion was made by J. Hathcock to approve payment of benefits for April and May applications for Normal Retirement. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously. **CORP 2009-70.**

Approval of Ordinary Disability Retirement – The Local Board may consider and vote on the approval of benefits for an Ordinary Disability Retirement for the following application in public meeting or defer decision to a later date. The CORP Local Board for the Superior Court may vote to go into Executive Session to discuss confidential medical documentation pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431 (A) (2).

a. #09-01

Per a recommendation by the Board Attorney, the Chair moved to go into Executive Session for discussion of medical documentation.

MOTION: A motion to go into Executive Session was made by P. Hanley. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously. **CORP 2009-71**

PUBLIC SESSION RESSUMED 10:30 a.m.

Board Member Paul Cunningham arrived and was present at meeting at 10:30 A.M.

The Board reviewed application and Independent Medical Evaluation from Dr. Silverman and determined to approve an ordinary disability retirement for application #09-01

MOTION: A motion to approve disability application #09-01 was made by J. Hathcock. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously. **CORP 2009-72**

Admission of Members (CORP) The Local Board may consider and vote on the following (17 retro and 2 current) requests for membership in CORP in Public meeting or defer decision to a later date.

The Board Secretary explained that the 17 retro members are simply the result of forms that did not come through the CORP office first, after an audit was conducted of the membership these forms were requested, entered and processed as usual. There was a question of whether or not these employees had completed membership forms prior to the Joinder Agreement, it was explained by members of the Board as well as the Board Attorney that if these members were in a CORP eligible position at the time of transfer and had not completed an Opt-Out form they had no choice but to placed in CORP. These members had not completed an Opt-Out form therefore they are members of the CORP plan.

Board Member Jason Hathcock had a question pertaining to a member's date of membership listed as November 6, 2006. Due to the fact, that this date is prior to the transfer, the membership should have been processed with the initial transfer

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group. The Board Secretary stated that it would have to be looked into and brought to the Board at the next scheduled meeting.

MOTION: A motion was made by K. Kluge to approve the 18 employees requesting membership into CORP excluding the member in question. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously. **CORP 2009-73**

Opt-Out Appeal - The CORP Local Board for the Superior Court may vote to go into Executive Session for legal advice on laws applicable to appeals pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431 (A) (3).

MOTION: A motion to go into Executive Session was made by P. Hanley. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously. **CORP 2009-74**

PUBLIC SESSION RESUMED 10:50 a.m.

The Board Attorney requested the Boards authorization to send a letter to the Fund Manager requesting the attorney appear in the case. Also, advise the counsel for the Fund Manager that the Board has original transcripts of all three re-hearings and will provide copies. The Chair gave consent on behalf of the board.

General Discussion

a. Re-appointment of Kevin Kluge to a four-year term of office – Board Member Kevin Kluge was re-appointed to serve a four year term of office by Chief Justice Ruth V. McGregor.

b. Amended Board Attorney contract- The Board discussed extending the contract of the Board Attorney for one year.

MOTION: A motion to extend the Attorney contract for another year was made by P. Cunningham. Motion was seconded and passes unanimously. **CORP 2009-75**

c. Nomination phase of election completed – After completion of the nomination phase the top ten nominees have been chosen, voting ballots are set to be mailed out May 29, 2009 to all CORP Members.

d. Calculating Retirement Benefits – The Board Secretary explained that the Fund Manager determines how benefits are to be calculated, this is done by using the member's age, average monthly salary, and the number of years and months for which they receive credited service. Also, the amount of the monthly normal pension is based on a member's credited service and average monthly salary. Salary does not include vacation time and the average monthly salary must be 36 consecutive months. In addition to the final calculations that are prepared, members can also generate an estimate at any time by visiting the CORP website and using the calculator, or by contacting the CORP office to have an estimate completed.

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Call to the Public - The chair made a call to the public

Mike Goss addressed the Board, he stated that due to the confusion some members are having regarding the retirement calculations he would like to do a presentation for the CORP members. He requested some time during the next CORP Local Board meeting to do so. Board Member Kevin Kluge felt this was something the Board should consider and feels the Administrative Services Director Nikki O'Keefe be present during this meeting and presentation.

Zach Dalpra addressed the Board regarding making the calculator more accurate by using contributions instead of just salary information.

Administrative Services Director Nikki O'Keefe addressed the Board regarding ASRS estimates. Niki stated like CORP nothing is final regarding the benefit amount until the retirement systems receive the final contributions from the final payroll check. As a result, a final benefit cannot be determined until all contributions have been received.

Mary Walensa addressed the Board, she stated that it would be helpful if members could complete their own estimates (calculations) and asked if members could be provided with hard copies of retirement calculation worksheets.

The Chair confirmed the next meeting date of July 9, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned 11:30 a.m.

Transcribed this 20th day of May 2009

Lu McLendon
Local Board Secretary